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SUBJECT: STATE AND LOCAL SPONSORSHIP GUIDANCE

FOR SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATOR

PURSUANT TO PHONECON THIS MORNING FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IS
FORWARDED CONCERNING STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPONSOR-
SHIP:

1. IF A STATE OR LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT WISHES TO
QUALIFY AS A SPONSOR FOR A GROUP OF REFUGEES, THEY MUST
ASSUME PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR MOBILIZING
ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS IN THAT STATE, CITY, OR
COUNTY AND FOR SECURING LOCAL SPONSORS. OFFERS OF
SPONSORSHIP WOULD BE RECEIVED AND SCREENED BY THE UNIT OF
GOVERNMENT, PREFERABLY THROUGH A REFUGEE TASK FORCE
COMPRISED OF PUBLIC/PRIVATE VOLUNTARY SECTOR. STATES
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE CERTAIN NOT TO SOLICIT
POTENTIAL SPONSORS FROM ACCREDITED VOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT
AGENCY SOURCES.

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2. A PROJECT MANAGER FROM THE STATE/COMMUNITY WOULD GO

TO NEAREST RECEPTION CENTER WITH THEIR RESETTLEMENT PRO-

POSAL. IF APPROVED BY ON THE SITE CIVIL COORDINATOR/INS/
HEW REPRESENTATIVE THEY WILL BE CERTIFIED TO ARRANGE
SELECTION AND RELOCATION OF REFUGEES.

3. COSTS INCURRED BY THE UNIT OF GOVERNMENT WILL BE
REIMBURSED BY DEPT. OF STATE UP TO \$500 PER CAPITA AS
SOON AS RESETTLEMENT IS COMPLETED. NO VOLAG CERTIFICATION
AT THE RECEPTION SITE IS REQUIRED -- NOR WILL VOLAG
RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT. GOVERNMENT UNIT SHOULD SIGN THE
SAME ASSURANCES THAT ARE REQUIRED FROM OTHER SPONSORS --
THAT THEY WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENABLE THE REFUGEES
TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT AND WILL PROVIDE LONG-TERM
GUIDANCE IN SECURING HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, ETC. THE STATE

OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MUST ALSO BE PREPARED TO ASSUME
RESPONSIBILITY FOR RELOCATING REFUGEES SHOULD ORIGINAL
SPONSORSHIP ARRANGEMENTS FAIL. SPECIFIC MONETARY
GUIDANCE WILL BE CONTAINED IN SEPARATE CONTRACTUAL ARRANGE-
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